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17 NOV 09 1999 MS. RICE: Good afternoon. I'm Jean Rice,
18 Regional Field Director for US Congressman Jim Gibbons and I'm
19 going to read a statement from the Congressman.

20 After receiving a personal briefing by the DOE on
21 the Draft EIS for use of Yucca Mountain as a high-level nuclear
22 waste storage facility, US Congressman Jim Gibbons released the
23 following statement:

1 24 [This Draft EIS is terrible. The DOE
25 intentionally failed to address community and transportation

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1 impacts.

2 AUDIENCE PARTICIPANT: Can you move a little
3 close to the microphone?

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4 MS. RICE: [This report is embarrassing by any
5 scientific measure or standard. An EIS is used to determine
6 what impacts could occur as a result of this repository at
7 Yucca.

8 The DOE's draft does -- does not accomplish this
9 most important of task. I'm sorry. I forgot my class glasses.

10 Nevadans, as well as all concerned Americans,
11 must weigh in on this issue. There are still many unanswered
12 questions that must be addressed. [The public's unbiased and
13 intense scrutiny will determine the validity of the information
14 contained in this EIS.

15 It is critical that this draft be made available
16 for public scrutiny. [I remain committed to working together
17 with my colleagues in the Nevada delegation and we look forward
18 to continue our work with Governor Guinn and the fellow
19 Nevadans to analyze this information.

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20 [Of particular note is a glaring absence of
21 information on transportation route impacts. Without a hint of
22 route information, the impact these proposed shipments would
23 have and the opportunity cannot be determined.

24 What I do know from past experiences with DOE is
25 that their main determination for route selection is based on

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1 minimum cost of the dollar, not of human life. This cannot be
2 the case.

3 Nevada's families must come first. There can be
4 no other way.

5 Thank you.

6 MR. LAWSON: Thank you.

7 MS. SWEENEY: Thank you.

8 MR. LAWSON: Frank Hulse. Then Brian Elkins and
9 Stan Wallis.